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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY CODEL

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT BY HOUSE BANKING, FINANCE, AND
URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BARBADOS WOULD BE EXTREMELY USE-
FUL. NOT ONLY ARE SENIOR BARBADIAN OFFICIALS IMPRESSIVE IN
THEIR ABILITY TO ARTICULATE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF AREA,
BUT BARBADOS IS HEADQUARTERS OF CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

2. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT COMMITTEE VISIT
BARBADOS DURING PERIOD MARCH 30 TO APRIL 1 RATHER THAN
EARLIER OR LATER. REASON IS THAT ALL HOTELS ARE HEAVILY
BOOKED THROUGH EASTER WEEKEND INCLUDING EASTER MONDAY, MARCH
27. PRIME MINISTER TOM ADAMS (ALSO MINISTER OF FINANCE)
IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART BARBADOS ON OVERSEAS TRIP
APRIL 2. UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ACQUIRE NUMBER OF ROOMS NECESSITATED
BY SIZE OF DELEGATION. WE PROPOSE BARBADOS HILTON
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW.

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3. IN ADDITION TO SESSION AT CDB HEADQUARTERS, WE
WOULD RECOMMEND MEETINGS WITH ALL OF OFFICIALS PROPOSED
IN BRIDGETOWN 392. WE COULD EXTEND INVITATIONS TO
OTHER PREMIERS OF WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES BE-
SIDES JOHN COMPTON OF ST. LUCIA, REGRETTING THAT TIME
WOULD NOT PERMIT TRAVEL BY FULL COMMITTEE TO THEIR
ISLANDS.

4. CDB HAS NO ACTIVE PROJECTS ON BARBADOS ITSELF YET UNDERWAY; ITS EMPHASIS HAS BEEN LDC'S AMONG ITS BORROWING MEMBERS. WE WOULD RECOMMEND VISITS TO TWO IDB FUNDED PROJECTS, HOWEVER: BARBADOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE (VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC COURSES) AND BRIDGETOWN PORT.
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